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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA96-14-003]

#### Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation; Notice of Filing

August 1, 1997.

Take notice that on July 2, 1997, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 11, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and available for inspection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-642-000]

#### Duke Energy Field Services, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

August 1, 1997.

Take notice that on July 16, 1997, Duke Energy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services), 370, Seventeenth Street, Suite 900, Denver, CO 80202, filed in Docket No. CP97-642-000 a petition for a declaratory order under Rule 207 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, wherein Field Services sought a declaratory order from the FERC finding that Field Services' proposed

acquisition, ownership and operation of certain natural gas facilities currently owned by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern), nor any of Field Services' facilities or services related thereto will subject Field Services or any portion of its facilities, services or rates to the jurisdiction of the FERC under the Natural Gas Act.

It is stated that the facilities to be sold by Texas Eastern and purchased by Field Services consist of the Bethany-Longstreet Lateral (Line 11-B) located in DeSoto and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana, and the Salem Field Lateral (Line 21-F, 21-F-1, 21-F-3, 21-F-4, 21-F-5, 21-F-5-A and 21-F-6), Provident City Line (Line 23), Bonorden Lateral (Line 21-A) and North Morales Lateral (Line 21-E) located in Victoria, Lavaca and Jackson Counties, Texas, (collectively the "Facilities") as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the FERC and open to public inspection.

Field Services submits that the Facilities, as currently owned and operated by Texas Eastern, are underutilized. Field Services anticipates tying-in additional production to the Facilities, thereby increasing the utilization of these assets and promoting competition for gathering services in these producing areas. This in turn will increase the volume of natural gas available for delivery into the interstate pipeline grid. Field Services proposes to either arrange for the purchase of production of natural gas from those wells currently attached to the Facilities, or in the alternative, to enter into gas gathering agreements that will have no adverse rate impact on the existing production of those producers and shippers currently utilizing these assets.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before August 22, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 18 CFR 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to

the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this Application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission, on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT97-59-000]

#### East Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Refund Report

August 1, 1997.

Take notice that on July 29, 1997, East Tennessee Natural Gas Company (East Tennessee), filed its report of refunds reflecting refunds to jurisdictional customers. East Tennessee states that the purpose of these refunds was to flow through to its jurisdictional customers refunds received from its former upstream supplier, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee). On May 16, 1997, East Tennessee states that it received from Tennessee a refund of amounts paid under its former Rate Schedules CD-1 and SS contracts with Tennessee. Tennessee effectuated the refund pursuant to Article VII of the Stipulation and Agreement filed on June 2, 1993, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order issued on October 29, 1993 in Docket No. RP91-203 et al.

On July 29, 1997, East Tennessee states that it disbursed refunds, with interest, to its jurisdictional customers entitled to a refund totaling \$143,175 with detailed calculations supporting the refunded amount.

East Tennessee states that a copy of this filing including Appendix A has been mailed to each affected state